

HULL HOUSE DOING GOOD WORK IN EDUCATION

Do you feel downhearted? Are the little blue devils pursuing you? Do you feel that opportunity has overlooked the knocker on your door?

(No, this isn't a patent medicine ad.)

If you have any of those symptoms take a trip down to Hull House, and look in on some of the classrooms. And you'll probably be ashamed of your grouch. For each member of the classes is trying to do something to get ahead—with a spirit that comes from aroused ambition.

The classes cover art, the languages, technical subjects, dancing and athletics, but the most interesting, from the standpoint of human nature study, is that in elementary English.

The majority of the members in this section are between the ages of 18 and 25, though there are a few students who are verging on the two-score mark. And each one is learning to speak and write English. To some it is easy, but others keep at the strange characters in the books with a "sticktoitiveness" necessary to win the fortunes they all hope for in this big and strange America.

Most of them have come to this country when over the school age. They work by day, and go to school by night. It is hard work, but the happy smile of a student when he has mastered a word in all its meanings is evi-

dence that he feels amply rewarded.

To fully appreciate what a great work of education is being done along this line one should see the classes at work. The beginning English class meets every Monday and Thursday night at 7:30.

The English studies cover a wide range, and as a student becomes more proficient in the language he may take up American history, English and American poetry, and to the most advanced classes in Greek, Latin, German and English literature are open.

But it is in the beginners' English class that Hull House is doing a very important educational work, the class that is one of the strongest burners under the "Melting Pot."

THE NEW MAN OF CHINA

His name is Yuan Shih K'ai, and a man who could make that name famous must have something in him. He is not widely learned, speaks no language but his own, and never has crossed the boundries of China.

But it seems to be that "man of the hour" that the hour somehow seems always to have concealed about its person.

For one thing, he is a grim soldier, like our own Grant. For another—and this is his big asset—they think he is honest and really on the people's side.

The people will go a long way for the man they believe believes in them.